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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/785,462	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JONES ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Raymond J. Bayerl	<b>Art Unit</b> 2173	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 5, 8 - 9, 12 - 13, 16 - 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1 - 5, 24 - 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8 - 9, 12 - 13, 16 - 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 - 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities: there are 2 colons “:.” at the end of line 3. Appropriate correction is required.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 18 – 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kerkinni (“Kerkinni”; US #2002/0107833 A1).

As in independent claims 18, 20, 22, Kerkinni’s METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING EQUIPMENT USAGE INFORMATION reports usage information for equipment such as **leased** vehicles, automobiles (Abstract). Within an interface such as seen in Kerkinni’s fig 9, a FLEET NUMBER and EMPLOYEE ID dialog give access to “a plurality of display regions” such as the one in fig 10. These are regions that are “each...**corresponding to** a different automobile lease term”, that being the one afforded an EMPLOYEE such as SHERMAN, P. Kerkinni supports plural users having “different” “lease term” specifics. Then, the line items into which the individualized REPORT is divided provide “information **pertaining to** available lease programs” that are instituted for each UNIT item in the FLEET. These include at least “the lease term”, as in the DAYS AVAILABLE indication.

Also in Kerkinni, and as in claims 19, 21, 23, when the display is presented responsive to the user dialog, an “input requesting a sort of the information displayed” is entered, since the DATE SUBMITTED is presented in chronological order.

4. Applicant’s arguments filed 17 July 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

At pages 12 – 13 of the response, applicant argues that in Kerkinni, “The report shows only information for one user at a time, and only one lease term for each user. Therefore Kerkinni teaches a report with a plurality of display regions corresponding to a single lease term associated with a single user. Although another user may log onto the database at a different time to generate another individual report corresponding to a personalized lease term, Kerkinni fails to teach a report or interface displaying a plurality of display regions corresponding to different automobile lease terms.” However, it remains that plural regions are within the “graphical user interface” overall of Kerkinni, these pertaining to the “different automobile lease term” that is represented for each user. Within these will then occur “sub-regions” that hold at least “the lease term”. Kerkinni continues to anticipate the claims.

Applicant argues at pages 13 – 14 that “Kerkinni fails to disclose or suggest generating a single interface having a plurality of display fields that correspond to different lease terms.” However, the Examiner is unable to read as much into the claims as applicant would desire. It is enough that the interface in Kerkinni can be opened for plural users with plural terms, to anticipate “a graphical user interface with a plurality of display regions”.

5. Claims 8 – 9, 12 – 13, 16 – 17 are allowable over the prior art now made of record.

While the separate sub-processes seen in the figures of Li (US #6,609,050 B2) might still be seen as “disparate applications”, the Examiner now deems that the many interface portions (e.g., “region”, “bar” and “button” objects) that now appear in each of


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the independent claims do not find true one-to-one correspondence with the Li reference.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond J. Bayerl whose telephone number is (571) 272-4045. The examiner can normally be reached on M - Th from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM ET.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached at 571-272-4063. All patent application related correspondence transmitted by FAX **must be directed** to the central FAX number (571) 273-8300.

8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.



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**ART UNIT 2173**

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